



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT DAY

- WHEREAS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) states, "The Nation's proper goals regarding individuals with disabilities are to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for such individuals"; and
- WHEREAS: 28 years after the passage of ADA, Americans with disabilities are twice as likely as their non-disabled peers to experience poverty and nearly 50 percent remain unbanked or underbanked; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is dedicated to promoting economic advancement, equal opportunity, and full inclusion among the disabled community to better meet the diverse needs of individuals who live and work in Georgia and are affected by such impairments; and
- WHEREAS: By adopting and implementing critical initiatives to improve accessibility, promote employment, and welcome participation in all aspects of life, the State of Georgia has helped to improve the lives of citizens with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: The diversity, culture, and contributions of Georgia's many residents with disabilities enhance our communities, schools, workforce, and social and economic environment; and
- WHEREAS: Financial capability and inclusion are necessary to provide residents affected by disabilities with greater opportunities to achieve economic stability, mobility, and security and further help our state to meet the goals outlined by the ADA; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to advancing financial inclusion for people with disabilities by providing them with the services and resources needed to live independent and fulfilling lives; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2018, as FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT DAY in Georgia and encourage all Georgians to recognize the Americans with Disabilities Act by promoting economic self-sufficiency for all Americans with disabilities.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF